

Appl. No. 10/090,576
Amdt. Dated March 2, 2005
Reply to Advisory Action of February 10, 2005

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

This amendment is responsive to the Advisory Action mailed on Feb. 10, 2005 and the Final Office Action mailed Dec. 2, 2004. In the Advisory Action, Applicants' amendment filed in response to the Final Office Action was not entered. In the Final Office actions claims 1, 3, 4, 6, 7, 16 and 17 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102 (e) as being anticipated by Kreizman et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6, 117, 088, hereinafter "Kreizman"), claims 8, 10, 11, 13-15, were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103 (a) as being unpatentable over Kreizman in view of Yoon et al. (U. S. Patent No. 5, 226, 426, hereinafter "Yoon") and claim 18 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103 (a) as being unpatentable over Kreizman in view of van Hollen et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6, 086, 247, hereinafter "van Hollen"). Claims 2 and 9 were objected to but were deemed allowable if rewritten in independent form.

In this amendment, independent claims 1 and 8 have been amended to recite the allowable subject matter of claims 2 and 9. Claims 2, 9 and 16-22 have been canceled without prejudice. No new matter has been added.

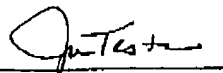
Claims 1, 3-8, 10-15 remain pending in this application. Reconsideration in light of the above amendments is respectfully requested.

Claims 1 and 8 have been amended to incorporate the allowable subject matter of claims 2 and 9. Claims 3-7 and 10-15 depend directly or indirectly from claims 1 and 8. Thus, the rejections under 35 USC 102(e) and 103(a) have been obviated. In view of the foregoing, Applicant respectfully submits that the application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance of the application are respectfully requested.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further is needed to place the application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to contact applicant's undersigned representative at the telephone number below.

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